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John Westra
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Dear John,

Enclosed is the bookwork for District 57-R for the 1999 irrigation season. I have included:

- 1) Watermaster's Report
- 2) Watermaster's Proposed Budget
- 3) Watermaster's Daily Record
- 4) Watermaster's Expense Report
- 5) Watermaster's Journal of Notes
- 6) A list of the current water users and their water rights the way I have been instructed to bill at their request.

I leave it to your office to make the necessary copies for distribution. I kept a duplicate set for my watermaster file.

I appologize for not having turned in the "Petition for Watermaster's Services." The creek water was just about gone by the time I was called on July 8, 1999. After looking at Mr. Brandaus diversion and measuring the rest of the water use for Reynolds Creek, my decision was that there was no water to bring down and he needed to tighten up his diversion dam more. The other times that I went out was to settle differences of opinion on how to split water with the same priority date/number, and to make sure that it was remaining adjusted correctly.

This has been one of the best water years since I first started as Watermaster of 57R in 1987. Everyone is beginning to understand the concept of Junior vs Senior water rights, and not "hogging" the water as the creek gradually goes down.

Water is similar to that old joke about oxygen and sex, you only notice the lack of it when you aren't getting enough.

Respectfully,

Connie Brandau

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